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Senate Bill No. 315

Senate, March 31, 2016

The Committee on Education reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING DISTINCTION FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
THAT PROVIDE EXEMPLARY VETERAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) The State Board of
2 Education, in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs,
3 shall award, upon receipt of a request, an exemplary veterans
4 education program distinction to those local and regional boards of
5 education that offer a program that provides students with
6 opportunities to learn about the contributions of veterans, as defined
7 in section 27-103 of the general statutes, or collaborate with local
8 veterans organizations. Such opportunities may include, but need not
9 be limited to, classes, extracurricular activities, presentations or
10 symposiums. A local or regional board of education may submit, at
11 such time and in such manner as the state board prescribes, a request
12 for such distinction by providing details about such board's program
13 to the state board. The state board shall make information about the
14 distinction available on the Department of Education's Internet web

15 site.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
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ED *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which authorizes the State Board of Education (SBE), in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to award an exemplary veterans education program distinction to local and regional boards of education, does not result in a fiscal impact as the departments have the expertise necessary to achieve the requirements contained in the bill.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 315*****AN ACT CONCERNING DISTINCTION FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT PROVIDE EXEMPLARY VETERAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the State Board of Education (SBE), in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to award an exemplary veterans education program distinction to local and regional boards of education that offer a program providing students with opportunities to learn about veterans' contributions or collaborate with local veterans organizations. Under the bill, the opportunities may include, but are not limited to, classes, extracurricular activities, presentations, or symposiums.

A local or regional board of education may submit a request for the distinction by providing details about the board's program to SBE. SBE must determine the application deadline and form and make information about the distinction available on the Department of Education's website.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/14/2016)